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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce P. S. Whitlock, of Kirksville, a candidate for the office of Assessor of Madison county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that The MADISONIAN is a candidate for entry into each home in Madison county, subject to the approval of the Family. We stand for the HOME CIRCLE first, last and always. \$1.00 per year.

IT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

The board of Supervisors has been in session for some days. Some property was raised. None, so far as we are advised, was lowered.

We do not speak of the body as composed of the Honorable members but we speak of the existence of the board from a legal standpoint, when we say that it is simply an annual "Farce Comedy." The members of this body are selected from the county in general to supervise, that is to correct, the values of property given in by the owner to the assessor at the time of listing. Madison county has an area probably of over 256,000 square acres divided into about 6,000 farms. Besides this there are several thousand town lots. All of this property comes under the "eye" of the board, a majority of whom could not, on the spur of the moment, tell whether Main street of this city runs North and South or East and West. The work of the board is necessarily farcical and barren of any good results. The property that is escaping taxation, escapes this board. This board is useless and expensive and should be abolished. It should be the ex-officio duty of the county officers to fix the value of property after an examination of same or by due trial by evidence and when so fixed let it remain fixed from year to year until its value is changed by the operation of natural causes.

But of late years this board of Supervisors seems to exist merely for the purpose of helping to violate the spirit of the constitution. Nearly every county and city in the State reached the limit of taxation, so far as a fixed ad valorem tax is concerned, many years ago and in order to avoid this constitutional tax limit made for the protection of the people by the people themselves, resort must be had to the ruse of increasing the value of the property itself; not because the property had increased in value, but because "They needed more money" to run the fiscal affairs of the counties. Thus by this artifice, the constitution is shattered and as much money can be wasted and quandered as may be necessary to satisfy the rapacity of those pulling the strings.

We make no attack on any

officer in this or any other county but we write from a general view point of the question before us.

It may not be amiss, for us to say that the Madisonian does not consider itself the official censor of public officials; nor will it allow it columns to be used by the public for that purpose. At the same time we wish to say that we stand unqualifiedly "for Retrenchment and Reform" in the expenditure of public money and that we shall have an eye open to the manner in which public duties are discharged by those entrusted by the people with their performance.

OUR MEMBER.

The ensuing session of the Legislature will be the most important held in recent years and Madison county must have an able and efficient member. Madison county has been very fortunate in having able members in the past and it must maintain its reputation. Many names have been suggested in this connection. It is not our purpose to advocate the claims of one in preference to the other. But the candidate who succeeds in this contest, will be the man who promises the people that he will use his utmost endeavors to repeal the laws creating useless offices which were enacted by the last and the preceding Legislatures. The people are burdened with taxes and relief must be given them.

One of the vital questions coming before the next Legislature will be the ever recurring question of taxation. In order to change the laws on this question as desired by some of the advocates of the proposed tax law, it will be necessary to amend the constitution and the people must be on their guard. People who own property that can not be hidden, pay the bulk of the taxes now. The object of the proposed tax reforms, is to let property that is easily hidden away, escape taxation altogether.

Then there will arise that other most important question as to the proper taxation of all railroads, stocks and bonds of corporate property in general.

The people of modest property holdings should be on the alert. They pay now the bulk of the tax exacted from the people.

A United States Senator will be elected by the incoming Legislature. A man of the highest integrity and qualifications should be selected. This is a day of supreme peril to the party. It is on trial. Its policies must be written into the law of the land. Platform declarations amount to nothing until they are written into the law of the land. It is not a good time to send a boy to mill.

MADISON AS AN EDUCATIONAL CENTER.

We have before observed that Madison county is an educational center, but few of us realize its

commanding position in this respect. Of the great seats of learning, we may mention the Normal School, of this city; Berea College, of Berea; Madison Female Institute, the City High School of this city, and the two educational institutions located at Waco and Kirksville. This service puts Madison county in the front rank for interior counties. These schools are first class and together have an enrollment of about three thousand pupils. This means an annual spending in this county by pupils alone of approximately \$300,000.00.

It is worthy of note that the bulk of these pupils come from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. We said in a recent issue and wish to repeat it: "Cultivate a closer relation with the mountains of Kentucky." Richmond, as a city, is doing nothing in this respect. Madison county, as a county, is doing nothing to render assistance to the schools in attracting people this way. Winchester is actively reaching out for these citizens and other places are doing the same thing.

Up and be doing!

We visited two thousand homes in Madison county last week. It is estimated that each newspaper has an average of five readers. Therefore we were read by TEN THOUSAND good Madisonians.

We will again call on you occasionally; but will not be offensive or persistent in so doing. We desire to form your acquaintance and let you see and read us. If we do not make good; if we do not interest you, it is our fault.

Poultry Show.

One of the greatest events of the winter is the approaching Poultry Show to be held here under the auspices of the Madison Poultry Club, of which Mr. Jeff Morgan is President and Mr. J. B. Walker is Secretary. The time is February 5-6-7-8. Both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Walker have been untiring in their efforts to make this a successful meet and in this they have been assisted by prominent local bird men, of whom Madison has a goodly number.

Some beautiful specimens and prize winners will be entered by our local bird men and prize winners and famous birds from all parts of the country will be entered.

This is the meeting of the Kentucky Branch of the National Association of Poultry Raisers and will be attended by noted bird men. The U. S. Government will have its lecturers from the Agricultural Department on hand and the State will be represented by its lecturers from the State Agricultural Department.

Madison should make this a mid-winter festival. Let every citizen do his best to make the meet a grand success.

Cast Her First Vote.

Mrs. J. J. Newport, nee Miss Olive Miller, native of Irvine, in a very interesting letter to her girlhood chum and schoolmate, Mrs. Wm. H. Lilly, tells of casting her first vote at the last presidential election. Mrs. Newport now lives at San Diego, Cal.—Estill Tribune.

Mrs. Newport is a sister of A. D. and Chas. Miller, of this city.

Don't forget that this is the State show of the A. P. A. Ky. Branch and that all the regular gold and silver medals will be won for the year of 1913. Be sure to enter your birds and win these coveted prizes. adv

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Mrs. L. B. Weisenburg was hostess of a beautifully appointed Auction Bridge party at her home on the Summit on Thursday of the past week. There were about thirty guests present who indulged in a spirited game for several hours, at the conclusion of which the first prize, a handsome basket, was awarded to Miss Mollie Fife, and the second prize, a beautiful deck of playing cards, to Miss Martha Burke, of Illinois, the prize for the lowest score, a perfume bottle with silver deposit, going to Miss Mable Burnam. A delicious lunch of old ham, hot rolls, celery, stuffed tomato, coffee and candy was served the guests, and during the lunch a handsome basket filled with pink and white carnations was passed by Miss Bessie Miller, who gave each guest a carnation as a souvenir of the happy and enjoyable occasion. Mrs. Weisenburg was assisted in entertaining by Miss Bessie Miller, Miss Julia Higgins and Mrs. T. H. Pickels.

One of the most delightful and well balanced programs in its history was given by the Cecilia Club on Wednesday, Jan. 22, Mrs. J. R. Johnson acting as hostess and leader. The subject for the afternoon was "The Sonata," with several composers to choose from. There were two papers, the Development of the Sonata by Mrs. A. R. Burnam, and a sketch of Tchaik Ronski by Miss Higgins. Miss Helen Bennett gave a most interesting talk on Metropolitan Music, both concert and grand opera of last month. Miss Bright sang the tenor aria from La Boheme exquisitely, and Miss Thompson's two songs, one Haydn and one Schubert, were gems. The following instrumental numbers were given:

Sonata: A Minor—Schubert
Sonata: D Major, Allegro—Haydn
Sonata: Opus 31 No. 2, Allegro—Bethoven
Sonata: Opus 14 No. 1, Allegro—Bethoven
Sonata: Pathetique—Bethoven
First movement, Mrs. Hoskinson
Second movement, Mrs. Middleton
After the musical numbers a most appetizing luncheon was served, and the club adjourned to meet Feb. 12th with Miss Gladys Perry.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association was held in Room 20 of the Model Building, on Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The members were received and cordially welcomed by Dr. and Mrs. Crabbe. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. Joe Chenault, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Dilling. The following program was then very delightfully given:

"Remarks"—Mrs. Vaughn, Mrs. Arnold, Miss Green
"Discussion led by Miss Dilling and followed by Miss Ulrich, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Luxon and Dr. E. B. Barnes
"Handiwork"—Mrs. Hume
Child Voice; its development and preservation—Prof. Koch
Following the program a most enjoyable social hour was spent, at which time the guests were served hot chocolate and sandwiches.

Mr. Edwin Powell was host at a storm party on Saturday night at his home on Main street.

The Sherwood Club was entertained by Miss Jeannette Winston Pates Saturday afternoon at her home on Lancaster avenue with Miss Dorothy Perry as leader. The following program was rendered:

"Spirits of the Glen"—Chas. Duell
"A China Tragedy"—Miss Johnny Azbill
"Farewell to Naples"—Miss Mary Louise Deatherage
"Four Leaf Clover"—Miss Ellen Miller
"Story of the Oxen Waltz"—Miss Jeannette Pates
Impromptu "A flat"—Miss Josephine Chenault
Paper, "Mozart"—Miss Burnam Taylor
Paper, "Mozart"—Miss Evelyn Guinchigliani
"The Waltzing Doll"—Miss Marie Louise Kellogg

Beside the club members, there were present, Mrs. Pickels, Mrs. Middleton, and Misses Moore and Thompson. At the conclusion of the program a delicious luncheon was served, consisting of fruit salad, beaten biscuit, olives, potato chips, sandwiches and chocolate. The club then adjourned to meet in February with Miss Marie Louise Kellogg.

Miss Francis Wagers was hostess at a dinner party on Sunday at her home on West Main, the guests of honor being Messrs. Tutt, Horine, and Hutchinson, of Nicholasville. Covers were laid for ten and the repast was in keeping with Miss Wagers' handsome dining.

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Mr. Ellis Pettit Cox, of Owensboro, was quietly solemnized yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Healey in Garvin Place.

The Rev. Dr. W. Francis Irwin, pastor of the Fourth-avenue Presbyterian church, officiated. There were no attendants, the ceremony being performed in the presence of only the two immediate families.

The bride, who was given away by her father, Dr. Thompson James Taylor, of Richmond, wore a tailored gown of dark blue Irish poplin cloth, with a hat trimmed in a white bird of paradise. Her corsage bouquet was of lavender orchids and lilies of the valley.

The house was arranged with spring flowers and potted foliage.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Cox left for two weeks' wedding trip in the South and upon their return will make their home in Owensboro with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cox.

Mrs. Nathan Deatherage issued invitations on Monday morning, Jan. 27th, to Miss Amos Grider's wedding, which will take place on Feb. 6th.

Mrs. J. Hale Dean entertained in her usual charming manner "The Young Ladies' Bridge Club" on Friday afternoon. At the conclusion of the games, lovely refreshments were served. Miss Mary D. Pickels carried off the trophy.

Mrs. Roy C. White entertained the teachers of Caldwell High School very delightfully last week.

On January 25th, Mr. Jno. William Walker was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Cordelia Calloway, of Eminence, Ky. The groom formerly lived at Lancaster, but is now in business in Akron, Ohio.

The Woman's Club met on Monday afternoon, Jan. 27th, at the club rooms. The following program was attractively rendered:

Walter Pater—Miss Van Greenleaf
Dickens as a Humanitarian—Mrs. Pickels
Thackeray—Mrs. Cassidy
The club then adjourned to meet on Feb. 10th.

Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Barnes gave a lovely six o'clock dinner last Tuesday for a number of friends.

Mrs. Jas. Crutcher entertained with an elegant luncheon on Monday in honor of Misses Gibson, Dilling and Hanson. She was assisted by Mrs. Joe Chenault.

Rev. and Mrs. Dr. Scanlon entertained at six o'clock dinner Monday, in honor of Prof. Keith and bride.

Mrs. Ballard Luxon gave a beautiful luncheon on Saturday in honor of the teachers of the Model school.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Boggs gave a delightful six o'clock dinner Saturday at their home on Breck avenue. The table was beautifully decorated in white and green, and a very elaborate four-course menu was served. Covers were laid for twelve.

Personal.

Miss Francis Wagers is out, after a short illness.

Mrs. A. E. Carse is spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Brutus J. Clay are in Cincinnati this week.

Judge Jno. Chenault is in Pittsburg, Pa., on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neal returned from New York on Tuesday.

Mrs. Carrie Davidson is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Z. T. Rice.

Mrs. M. C. Covington and daughter, Josephine, spent Tuesday in Lexington.

Mr. Lawrence Epperson, of Clark county, was in Richmond last week.

Rev. Ashford Reeves, of Ashland, is the guest of his father, Dr. Jas. Reeves.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Adams will in the future, make Lexington their home.

Mr. Sam Hurst has returned from Jackson, where he visited relatives last week.

Mrs. J. W. Stuart and daughter, of Tallega, are guests of C. L. Searcy at Waco.

Mr. Jno. Dunn, formerly night clerk at the Glyndon, has gone to Louisiana to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Williams have returned to Paris, after a visit to Mrs. Geo. Corzeli.

Misses Henry and Arnold, of Lancaster, have been the guests of Miss Rachel Kennedy.

Mrs. S. P. Deatherage spent several days last week with Mrs. Robert Bruce in Stanford.

Mr. Nat Brown is very sick at his home in De Land, Florida. His family is with him.

Mrs. W. L. Hockaday, of Richmond, has been the guest of Mrs. R. T. Bruce, at Stanford.

Mrs. W. L. Hockaday and Miss Issie Milliam have been in Stanford on a visit to friends.

Mrs. H. B. Hanger and Mrs. D. M. Chenault motored to Lexington, Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. C. Willson are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Burnam, at Burnamwood.

Judge Turpin and wife left for Florida last week, and of course ordered The Madisonian to follow them.

Miss Ethel Cornelison returned Saturday from a visit to her brother, Hubert Cornelison in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. J. W. Caperton and daughter, Miss Jamie, are in Jacksonville, Fla., the guests of Mrs. Frank E. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Collins have left for Florida, where they will stay during the remainder of the winter.

D. Wearen Kennedy was in Lexington last Saturday. Lexington is a very attractive place to Wearen just now.

Miss Judith Tudor of Irvine and Miss Martha Burke spent the week end with Misses Mary C. and Julia White.

Mrs. Mary D. Jones, of Mt. Sterling, has come to Richmond to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Arnold.

Mrs. R. E. Tipton and son, Wm. Harris, of Mt. Sterling, were the guests of Mrs. Jas. Hamilton last week.

Miss Mary Lynn Fox, of Lancaster, is a student at the State Normal, and is boarding with Mrs. Joe Chenault.

Misses Stella and Allie Hendren, of Kirksville, have taken rooms with Mrs. Ellen Wilson on Glyndon avenue.

The numerous friends of Mrs. S. L. Midkiff will be delighted to know that she is recovering from a recent severe illness.

Mrs. Ed Blanton has been in Lexington on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Gilkerson, while Mr. Blanton is at Carlsbad Spring for a short stay.

Misses Tommie Cole and Margaret Covington will go to Lexington Friday where they will with their sister, Miss Hester, will attend the Alpha Tam Ouega dance at the Phoenix hotel Friday night.

Mrs. D. B. Shackelford was in Lexington Wednesday and attended services at the new Christian Science church. While in the city she was the guest of Miss Florence Hood, formerly of Richmond.

Miss Florence Rogers leaves Wednesday for her home in Lexington, to be present at the marriage of her sister, Miss Anna Gist Rogers, to Judge Case of New Jersey.

John B. Kennedy, of Paris, who has been in the city for the last ten days, left this morning for home. He sustained an injury to his foot, which prevented his working. He came over to spend the time with his family.

Circuit Court.

The ensuing term of the Circuit Court will be required to dispose of a formidable docket. The following is a summary of the same:

New Equity Cases, 33; Old Equity, 95. New Ordinary, 22; Old Ordinary, 20. Included in this list are fifteen divorce cases. No important criminal cases are set for this term.

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